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The Beginning Part 3

The Hack Story Continues

Children of John and Johanna Hack
Five daughters:
Sussanna--Married Vincent Sauter, had fifteen children.
Elizabeth--married John Klassen and had seven children.
Catherine--Married John Seiberber had seven children.
Angeline--Married Peter Gard had ten children, seven sons and three daughters.

Six sons:

John II--Married Mary Schere had four children.
Mathias J.--Married Angeline Schmal, after death of Barbara Thiel, his first wife. Three children.
Joseph--Married Catherine Leinen. Six children were born.
Mathias--Married Eve Heiser. Four of eight children lived.
Peter--Married twice, first to Helen Classen and then to Verena Bury. Thirteen children were born.
Nicholas--went West, settled in California, married late in life, had three children.

On March 21, 1843, John Hack deeded a portion of his original homestead to the bishop of



Koehle's hotel and saloon was located on Thielen Street and was appropriately called the "Depot Hotel" as it was within walking distance of the railroad depot.

Vincennes. This deed consisted of the land that the original church was built on and the family cemetery with the church. On October 3, 1868, however, the Bishop of Fort Wayne deeded back to the heirs of John Hack about 7/100ths of an acre to be used exclusively by then as a family burial site. the family cemetery can easily be seen when you drive east of Joliet Street, on the south side of the street after you cross the first set of railroad tracks.

Next Month:
Schererville
The Beginning

Last Deeds of Record:

Warranty Deed: John Hack, to Celestine Lahallandiere, Bishop of Vincennes, his heirs and assigns forever the use of the Catholics of the German settlement of Lake County, Indiana, dated march 21, 1843 and recorded November 3, 1853 in Deed Record "H", page 38. (conveys a certain lot described as 4 acres of land in Section 33, Township 35 North, Range 9 West of the 2nd P.M., whereon the Catholic Church is now erected and which said

church is nearly in the center of said lot of 4 acres and embraces parts of the Northwest quarter and the Southwest quarter of said Section 33, Township 35 North, Range 9 West of the 2nd P.M., in Lake County, Indiana, containing 4 acres of land which is hereby conveyed).

Deed: John Henry Luers, Bishop of Fort Wayne, To heirs of John Hack, deceased, dated October 3, 1868 and recorded July 2, 1871 in Deed Record 14, page 499.

"This certifies that I have this day donated to

Joseph Hack of Crown Point and the descendants of John Hack Senior forever that portion from the grounds donated by the said John Hack for church purposes which is now fenced in in Section 33, Township 35 North, range 9 West, containing about

7/100ths of an acre. The ground hereby donated is to be exclusively used by them for a place of burial. The fence, however, is to be set back on the North side to with in 2 feet of the foot of graves of John Hack and his wife and as many feet of ground as

will thus be taken from the lot on the North side they will receive in return on the South side of said lot."

Joseph Schmal

Joseph Schmal selected a homesite east of route 41 and on the north side of what is now 93rd Street. A stone marker located at the bend of 93rd Street, at the southwest corner of the Lake Hills golf course, marks the site of the Schmal homesite. When the road was established past the Schmal homestead it

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This is J&D Sport Cards & Comics located in St. John Mall. The business was bought by Mike Cobb in Jan. 1996 When asked why he bought the business, Mike told me that "All the card shops in the area were dying and there was no place for kids and collectors to go and buy, trade and sell their cards."

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To Develop understanding among all members of the Community
To Remain open to all people and all political parties

Editorial

Issue: Shop Locally

Thank you to the business community for your help & your support of the St. John Communicator.

This day I had breakfast at the Apollo, picked up my watch at Witgrens, stopped in at Hank Adams, Assessor, went into Aardwolfs Computer Services to sign up for a class, than into Christina's Bakery for some hot fresh donuts, needed a coach's whistle and knew the Sports Shop would have what I wanted, dropped in at the new bar for some brandy for my sore throat, than on to the doctors to make an appointment, stopping at the chiropractors for a massage, going directly than to Leon Fischers Assoc. to send a fax, than I stopped at the post office for stamps and picked up a gift at Boric Religious supply, ran by Area Glass to pick up my window and went to the bank for money, stopped in to insure a 2nd vehicle at All State then made a quick stop at the Photo shop to pick up my pictures, then was just in time for my Tae Kwondo Class. Made it to the Dentist on time and then over to Hair In Motion for \$5.00 off on my quantum perm. I went over to see Mike at J&D's and bought a hundred baseball cards, picked up my dry cleaning and went home.

Before you drive all over, check your local dealers, shop, eat and take care of your business needs with local shops, restaurants and business establishments. The people who own and run these business's for the most part live in the Tri-Town area.



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JOHN BUNCICH, SHERIFF
OF LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA

Dear Ms. Maslan:

I have been following with interest the numerous editorials and guest commentaries recently written about the possibility of the Lake County Democratic Party electing a new party chairman next year.

A great deal has been said by the news media and others which indicates that "reform" is needed in our local Democratic party and that when Robert A. Pastrick and his circle of friends finally step aside -- or are pushed out of power--miraculous things will occur and we Democrats will have been "reformed."

I find it a little more than self-serving when elected officials like George Van Til espouse the removal of Pastrick and equates that with reform like he (Van Til) is a new kid on the block with no ties to the very machine he is attempting to dismantle.

It seems like yesterday that I attended a party for George, honoring his twenty fifth year of dedicated public service! It seems like only yesterday that George would relate to anyone who would listen about all of his contributions and personal sacrifice that he made for the present chairman and the Democratic (machine) Party.

George and his group of self-ordained experts, including Stephen R. Stiglich, have each fed at the public trough for 25 years or more, jumping from one appointed or elected position to another. Whatever success they have enjoyed these many years is the by-product of their close allegiance with Party Chairman Robert A. Pastrick.

When their 1993 coup to overthrow Chairman Pastrick failed, Pastrick was obviously hurt by their breach of trust and open show of disloyalty and has since refused to welcome them back into the fold. So, now with nowhere else to turn, they pass themselves off as political party reformists.

If Robert A. Pastrick should step down as Chairman in 1997, I would hope that we Democrats would not trade one "machine" simply for another "machine", especially one that would be ruled by the very people that allowed the old machine to remain in power these many years.

If the Democratic Party wants to reform itself, there are newcomers in the party that have no ties to either the old or the new old machine. Democratic officeholders like Assessor Paul Karas, Mayor Scott King, and I as Sheriff, all overcame the so-called machine. In fact, I overcame both the Pastrick and Stiglich factions that are now fighting over the party leadership. This year, Lake County Surveyor, George Van Til, overcame the machine, indicating once again the machine is not invincible and perhaps never was. Could it be that the voting public merely recognizes the better candidate and it is we who make the situation more complex than it really is?

Reform in the Democratic party will not come by merely changing leaders of the party. If we want true reform, the new Democratic Party Chairman must have the courage and the vision to challenge the law that mandates a declaration of party before one is allowed to vote. This antiquated law keeps thousands of people from voting, as they will not register their political party affiliation on election day. We must also ask for an end to election day electioneering. Thousands of dollars spent on election day material and outside pollworkers could be saved if we would end this practice. After all, most voters are intelligent and have decided for whom they will vote long before they arrive at their polling place. These ideas are not unique and have been effectively adapted by other states throughout the country.

True reform in the Democratic Party will come when the Party Chairman and others maintain a hands-off approach during the primary elections, thereby allowing the voters to decide who they want elected. These are just a few ideas that come to mind when the word reform is bandied about.

Lastly, all talk of electing a new Democratic Party Chairman should be placed on the back burner until after the November 5, 1996 Fall election. In addition to our county officials who stand for election in November, we have a very important Gubernatorial and Presidential election upon which we should focus all of our time, talent, and energy. To do less could prove disastrous to our Democratic party and the candidates who have worked so hard to arrive at this juncture of their careers.

Of equal importance, we, as elected officials, should first concentrate on the job we were elected to do. **AS SHERIFF OF LAKE COUNTY, ONE OF MY GOALS IS TO BE KNOWN AS LAKE COUNTY'S TOP COP, NOT THE COUNTY'S TOP POLITICIAN.** Police work and public safety is and always will be first with me and politics a distant second.

Yes, there will be an election in 1997. that election will decide who will be our next Lake County Democratic Party Chairman. A County Chairman should utilize his position to benefit all of the citizens of Lake County, not a select few and not a select city or town. I would hope that we could all agree on who can best lead our party into the 21st century. After all, that would be the Democratic way!

Sincerely,

JOHN BUNCICH
SHERIFF OF LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA

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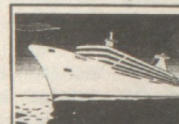
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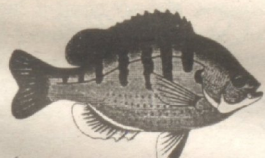
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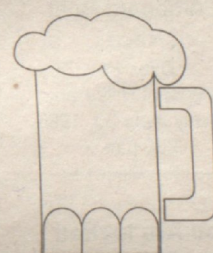
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The purpose of the celebration is to encourage Dyer residents to remain in dyer and enjoy a fun

filled day with family and friends.

Last year, our festival was much larger than expected, and as a result, the cost of the festivities for 1996 have risen to \$10,000.

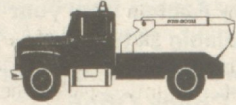
In order to make our festival a continued success, we are asking for your support and patronage. The 4th of July committee spends many months and countless hours planning and organizing our HOMETOWN festival, however, we can not do it without the continued support of folks like you - the true heroes and supporters of Dyer.

Even though the Town Council does make a donation, this event is not funded by the Town Council or your tax dollars. The true heroes of this event are the individual sponsors and volunteers. So please, make a donation to the festival and come out and share the fun with us as we celebrate the 4th of July in DYER. Donations of all sizes are greatly appreciated.

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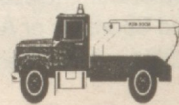


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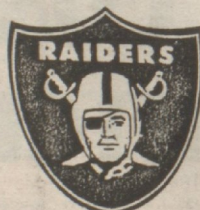
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***Maintenance fee will be refunded after 2 hours of donated time(example: concession stand, field maintenance, fundraising etc.)

When coming in for signups please bring with you a copy of your child's birth certificate and report card from the current

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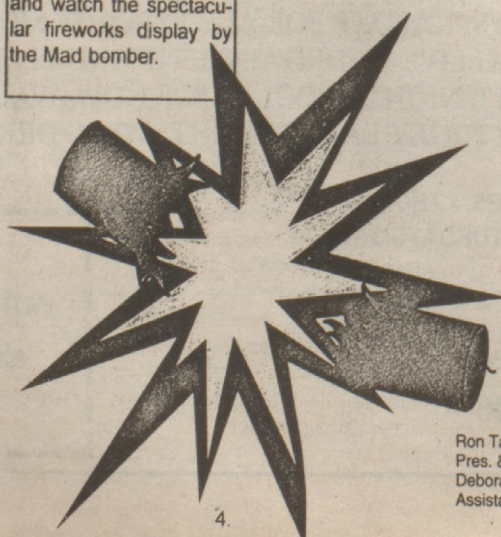
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was called Schmal Street. Sometime in the 1960's, the Lake County Commissioners changed the name to 93rd Street.

Schmal had quite a large family of sons and daughters. he was not a young man and never did become fully Americanized. One of Schmal's sons, Adam, became prominent in political life in Lake county, and held the position of county Treasurer for two terms. Another son, bearing his father's name, Joseph, became a prominent farmer in Brunswick. One of his daughters married a son of John Hack. Mrs. Angelina Hack Schmal was active for many years in Crown Point, and was a much respected woman in the social affairs of that community.

August Koehle

August Koehle, who once operated the popular summer resort known as Spring Hill Grove, was also a native of Germany, where he was born on October 3, 1853.

Arriving in the United States in 1871, he first found employment with a brewer in Chicago. Five years later, he left the windy city to attend the nation's Centennial celebration in Philadelphia and did not return to Chicago. Instead, he settled in Crown Point and went to work for the Crown Brewing company. His ability brought advancement, and he eventually became foreman of the plant. Koehle had a good business mind, and had a flair for the fancy things as attested by his business card which is pictured below.

In 1880 he left the Crown Brewing Company and opened his own saloon in Crown Point. The venture lasted only six months, however, before he decided to move to St. John, where he erected a building and opened the Depot Hotel and Saloon. He later sold this business to Peter Portz and established Spring Hill Grove summer resort. The resort was located where St. John VFW Post 717 is now located on 93rd Street. The resort, consisting of a large picnic grove and a dance pavilion, became a popular place to visit by people from Lake County, as well as residents of Chicago who would travel here by way of the Monon Railroad which stopped in St. John.

In the mid 1960's the old hotel, which had been abandoned for many years after being used as a private home and also an apartment building, caught fire one summer night and burned to the ground. It had become run down and was an eyesore in the neighborhood, and many people in the town suspected some well-meaning resident of the neighborhood had deliberately put the torch to the building.

It was a spectacular fire and the flames were visible throughout the town. It seemed that everyone in town was there and turned the entire affair into a festive occasion.

Andrew Kammer

Andrew Kammer, like Francis P. Keilman, was a native of Germany, and was born in the same town, Hess-Darmstadt. Kammer, however, was eight years younger than Keilman, having been born on September 2, 1838. coincidentally, both men were at one time school teachers in St. John Township, but while Keilman decided upon a mercantile career, Kammer pursued a more varied one.

He arrived in Baltimore with his parents in 1846 and remained there until 1860. During this time he finished his schooling and learned the tailor's trade. For the eight years subsequent to 1860, he engaged in his trade at Cumberland, Maryland, and then returned to Baltimore where he remained for one year.

After his arrival in St. John in 1869, he taught school during the winter months for the next six years. He then spent a decade as travelling representative for a Baltimore publication, the Catholic volkseitung, and an additional eight years as a salesman for a liquor firm. In 1887, when he was 49 years of age, he was appointed postmaster in St. John and remained in this job for more than 17 years.

In 1860, he married Katherine Wagner, who had also emigrated from Germany as a youngster, and seven children resulted from the marriage. They were Elizabeth, Mary, Nicholas, Michael, Theodore, Andrew and Catherine.

Joseph Stark

Joseph Stark was an adventurer who took part in the Mexican War, prospected for gold in California and sailed around Cape Horn before finally settling down on a farm in St. John Township.

Born in Baden-Baden, Germany in 1825, he originally was given the name Joseph Huber. While he was yet a boy, Stark's mother died and his father remarried. He and his step-mother did not get along, however, so the boy went to live with an uncle, a baker, who promised to teach him the trade and ultimately leave him the business when the uncle died. The arrangement did not work out, so Huber finally ran away and, after working as a miller to earn passage money, embarked from Bremerhaven for America.

The name change came about, however, after he arrived in Chicago in 1847 and decided to enlist in the army for the Mexican War. Although he made few acquaintances here at first, he had, however, managed to become friendly with a family name Stark.

Fearing that he might not come back from the war, he asked the Starks to take care of his affairs should this happen. They readily agreed to do so. On his enlistment papers he named the Starks as his next of kin, and in addition assumed the name of Stark, instead of Huber. Later when veterans were offered homestead land as a reward for service, he had to file and prove the land under his army name. He never again used the name Huber.

His Mexican War experience over, and discharged from the service, Stark heard about the 1849 California gold rush. Sensing a possibility of making a fortune, he formed a partnership with two other men and after buying a covered wagon, a team of horses and supplies, the trio headed west.

The trip was uneventful until they reached the desert in Utah. There the horses died, so Stark and the others packed all the supplies they could on their shoulders and started out on foot to find the nearest civilization. Time passed and they ran short of food. For three days they lived on a small amount of beans which they cooked and recooked several times until their water ran out. Resigned to their plight and expecting death, they were miraculously saved by the appearance of another wagon party who sold them food and water at an exorbitant price.

Arriving finally in California, the partners staked out a promising

claim and began working it. they found no gold and the partners eventually became discouraged. They decided to move on, leaving Stark to work the claim alone. Stark forgot to post proof of ownership at the site and shortly after his partners left, he was forced to make a short trip elsewhere. During his absence, the claim was jumped by five other men.

Undiscouraged, Stark found a new partner and together they staked a new claim. this time luck was with them, and when they decided to return east, they divided gold worth four thousand dollars between them. The return trip to new york was made by sailing vessel around Cape Horn. Fearful of being robbed, Stark carried his share of the gold in a money belt hidden beneath his clothing.

Once again back in the midwest, he took up a government homestead in St. John Township, where he cleared 160 acres of covering timber and planted crops. To this homestead he brought his new wife in 1850, the former Mary A. Merrick. Later, he sent his brother, Anton, and sister, Afra, money to pay their passage from Germany to this country, and once they were here, assisted them financially in getting settled and accustomed to live in a new land.

As the years passed, eleven children were born to the Starks. They were Afra, John, Mary, Joseph, Frank, George, Michael, Matilda, Peter and Frances. Joseph Stark's life, unfortunately, proved to be a relatively short one. He died in 1880 at the age of 55. His wife, however, lived to the age of 81 and died in 1913.

George F. Gerlach

One of seven children, Gerlach came to St. John with his family in 1857 from Harper's Ferry, Virginia. he had been

born in Bavaria on January 24, 1841 and accompanied his father, Michael, and his mother, Agnes, to the United States in 1846. His father pursued his trade of carpenter in Harper's Ferry for eleven years before moving to Indiana. Gerlach attended St. Vincent's College in Pennsylvania prior to coming to St. John.

Starting in 1858, at the tender age of 17, he taught school in St. John and Hanover Township for three months of each year, for the next ten years. During the other nine months of the year he began his career as a highly respected businessman by clerking in the store of Henry and F.P. Keilman which was located in St. John.

In 1865, Gerlach formed a partnership with his employer, F.P. Keilman and the two operated a general merchandise store for the next twenty years until Gerlach withdrew from the partnership to open his own store. Active in local affairs, Gerlach at one time was a Justice of the Peace in St. John. A shrewd investor, he owned an estimated 900 acres of land in various parts of the county. A contemporary on one occasion offered this estimate of him.

"He is and has been for some years an important factor in business circles of St. John township, and is always found identified with the side of progress and general advancement in material, social and educational movements."

Married in 1867 to Margaret Keilman, the couple had nine children. They were Katie, Frank, Joseph M., Maggie, Lizzie, George, Charles, Lena, and Clara. Upon reaching maturity, four of the boys were associated with their father in his business.

Francis P. Keilman

Francis P. Keilman, a pioneer St. John merchant, was born in Hess, Darmstadt, Germany, on November 25, 1831 and

came to America with his parents in 1840.

His father, Henry, first settled in Portage County, Ohio, but in 1844, came to Lake County where he established a farm in St. John township and continued to live there until his death at age 85. Keilman's mother died at the early age of 38 while the family still lived in Ohio. One of seven children, Francis left Ohio when he was eleven years old to live with his older brother, Henry, in Chicago. Here he attended school until his parents moved to St. John township, and he rejoined them there.

Two years later, however, in 1846, he returned to Chicago and clerked in a store where he first gained a grounding in shopkeeping. In 1859 he came back to St. John and clerked in a general merchandise store which his brother, Henry, had established. Some time later the brothers became partners in the business which then operated under the name of Henry and F.P. Keilman.

Named postmaster in 1856, he continued to hold this post until 1885. Married to Margaret Schaefer, also a native of Germany, in 1857, the couple in subsequent years had nine children. They were Susan, Francis B., John, William F., Elizabeth, Margaret, George, Lena and Peter.

After the Civil war in 1865, Keilman bought out his brother's interest in the store, and formed a partnership with George F. Gerlach. This continued until 1885 when the partnership was dissolved. Gerlach withdrew to found his own store, and Keilman continued to operate the business valued at ten thousand dollars.

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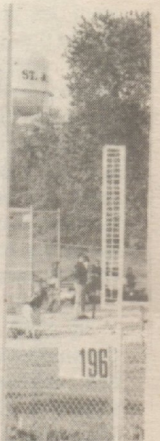
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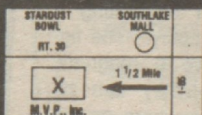
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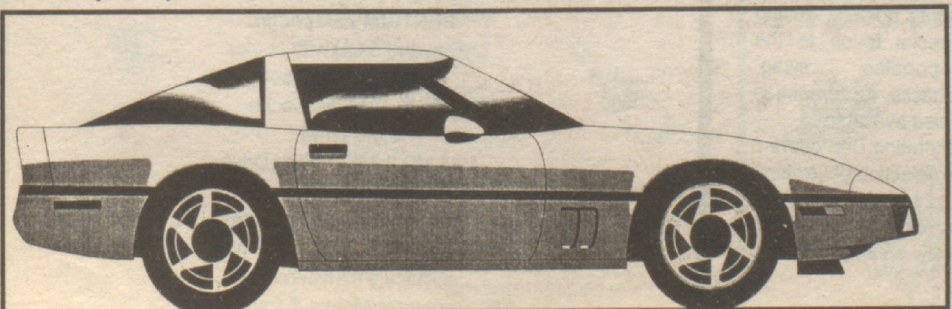
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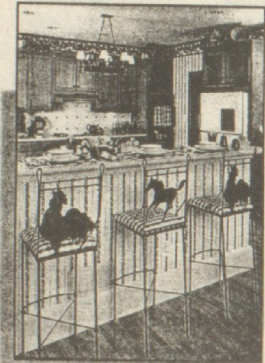


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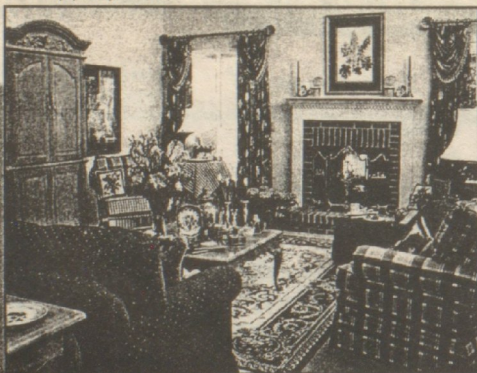


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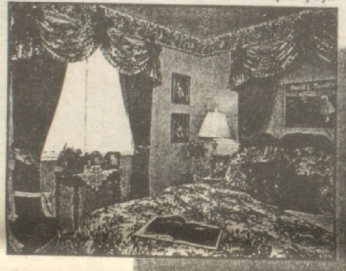
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Look for metallic rods in every finish imaginable: copper, iron, pewter, and burnished brass are forged into rods and finials that range from rustic to Rococo in appearance. Many manufacturers are creating

matching or contrasting rings for a super effect.

Woods are still in demand, in painted and stained finishes. Unfinished wood poles are often covered in a rod sleeve with finials covered as well. The rod sleeves may be glued on for a smooth appearance, or shirred on for a softer effect. Wood poles may also be painted in a variety of faux finishes to emulate marble or granite.

Perhaps the most exciting news in the industry is the introduction of window jewelry. These can be comprised of various figures such as primitive dancing men, animal fig-

ures, or even hot air balloons for decorating a child's drapery. The figures have a magnetic back so they can be placed anywhere on the window treatment, transforming even the simplest treatment into something extraordinary! There are even pieces that function as swag holders, adding a special touch to the ever-popular swag. Holdbacks for draperies are also available.

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Cyberspace:

An all encompassing term relating to a mythical/mystical location where computer communications occur. Actually the word gives a false perception that these interactions occur in a different place than our world. In actuality, communicating via computer is much like using the telephone; Information is sent to your location, you send information back to another location. You aren't transported to a special area named "Cyberspace", sounds neat, though, doesn't it?

Surfing the Net: Process of looking at various sites on the Internet.

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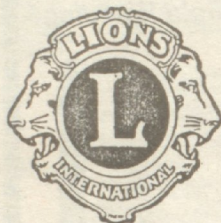


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St. John Weather Warnings

The growth of St. John has made obsolete the current weather warnings system.

The Police Commission wants the town to formulate a plan for a new tornado warning system.

Commissioner James Wozniowski said the town can investigate several options before deciding. It is hoped that a new system will be in place by next year.

Wozniowski said a plan that makes the most sense would involve installation of several small tornado warning sirens in lift stations in various locations. This method would cover all residential and commercial areas with power being supplied by the lift stations.

Discussion of spotters, trained to spot conditions conducive to twisters be used. Commissioner Gary Russel agreed with reservations. He said "If you see it, it's too late." These people would have to be trained, and would have to have access to communications tools that do not require power, such as radios and cellular telephones.

Homestead Acres Park

The Park Board has recently discussed ongoing vandalism at the Homestead Acres park.

Park Board member Mary Anne Koke said "If there is one more act of vandalism, the picnic tables will be removed." If

another incident occurs all the equipment in the park will be moved out."

Fellow board members agree that this action will be necessary to stop continuing expensive repairs and replacements.

Portable restrooms were put in the parks the first week in April. They were removed the second week after vandals attempted to burn them down on two separate occasions said board member Joan Millis. The board has decided not to return the portable restrooms to the park site.

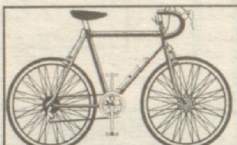
Board member Paul Haller said "We're thinking about closing that park down if it doesn't improve."

CHURCH NEWS



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Lake Central Barracudas Swim Team

St. John - coming off its best winter season in team history, the Lake Central Barracudas swim club enters its summer session with high expectations.

"We've improved dramatically the two seasons that I've been here," said LCB coach Mike Blaze, whose team finished fifth at the Indiana age group championships in March. "We hope that we can sustain that improvement this summer as well."

A competitive swim team fully accredited by United States Swimming, the Barracudas boast approximately 100 swimmers on the team this summer, ranging in age from 6 to 20 and in ability levels from beginner to advanced.

But improvement isn't just measured by who finishes the highest. Blaze, who is assisted by coaches Robin Tobias and Kathy Barker, thinks the most progress is made by the swimmers who swim the fewest meets.

"With the kids who are just starting out, we see them getting better every time they hit the pool," Blaze said. "Working with

the advanced swimmers is very rewarding; but when you see that daily improvement from the newcomers, the progress is right there in front of you."

Many of the names that will appear on the Lake Central High School swim team's roster in the next few years are developing right now with the Barracudas. All three coaches are former Barracudas, as well as almost 75% of the boys' and girls' teams at L.C.

"This past high school season we were really proud to have four individual sectional champions and five state qualifiers who swam for the Barracudas in 1995," Blaze said. "That gives the kids behind them incentive to keep up their hard work. It shows that it's all worthwhile."

Among the Barracudas that could be making an impact next season at LC are Kevin Dalton, Doug Murzyn, Joey Damron, Katie Franklin and Jamie Oslawski. But the Barracudas real strength could be from the groups under 8th grade.

In the middle schools, the Barracudas have state veterans in Matt Frost, Todd Hooper, Ryan Nigh, Clint Marshall, Michelle May, Katie

Mainwaring, Deanna McKinley, Meghan Dalton, Melissa Hayden and Kate Barzan.

"Last season we were fourth in the state in scoring with our 10-and-unders," Blaze said. "If we can keep them in the sport, we're looking forward to some really nice things in the near future."

Some of those 10-and-unders include Kelli Rose, Lindsay Frost, Marcie Dierks, Lauren Ausmus, Nicole Rutkowski, Stephanie Moon, Claire Ballas, Dale Murzyn, Ryan Franklin, Ryan Dalton and Yashar Fouladi. And the youngest group, the 8-and-unders, are promising as well with the likes of Ryan Frost, Bo Wright, Andrew O'Donnell, Arash Fouladi, Shannon Rose, Angela Funston, Katie Childs and Teren Marshall.

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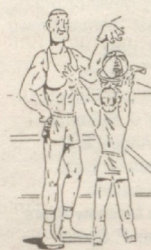
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If you did not receive a flyer through the schools and/or the mail; call the park office at 865-5530.

Registration is under way at the Schererville Clerk Treasurer's Office 833 W. Lincoln Hwy; suite B20W. The phone number is 322-4581. Registration hours are as follows: Mon, Tues, Thurs, and Fri. 7:30 am - 4:30 pm Wed. 7:30am - 7:00 pm.

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Negrelli, Raul Otano, and Lake county Police K-9 team Vince Marjanovic and Nearco also assisted in the arrest. Detective Sergeant Michael ison filed a Class C felony burglary charge against the suspect with the Lake County Prosecutor's Office.

STRANGER DANGER

With warm weather approaching, now would be a good time to remind your children about the dangers of talking to, or going with, strangers. Many children do not fully comprehend the concept of a "stranger"; therefore, it's important to stress the fact that a stranger could be anyone who has never been invited into your home as a guest. this definition would include a delivery person, a lost or stranded motorist, solicitors, or your newspaper or mail carrier. Strangers usually don't look mean or scary; they can be young or old, short or tall, male or female.

Please remind your kids to never approach a strange vehicle that stops along the street. also, remind them to play in areas that are familiar to them so that they'll know a neighbor to whom they can go in an emergency. They should also try to stay with a friend when they go to parks, school playgrounds and other areas,

that are familiar to them so that they'll know a neighbor to whom they can go in an emergency. They should also try to stay with a friend when they go to parks, school playgrounds and other areas, especially when they are away from their own neighborhood. If at any time they are approached by a stranger, your children should know to run away and report the incident to you or another trusted adult immediately.

The Schererville Police Dept. has available a "Safety Club" coloring book that may help to facilitate a discussion on these and other safety tips with your children. These booklets can be obtained from the police dept. pamphlet racks located inside both the patrol and administrative office buildings.



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Chiropractic Care For Headaches!

by Corlin A. Stein D.C.

Almost all of us have experienced some type of pain located in the head or more commonly called a headache, but how many of you have considered that it is not the pain in the head that's the problem but it's finding the cause of the pain that is the problem. In other words most people will take a pain killer and away goes the pain, but the question should be asked is the pain just being covered up or is there a more serious underlying problem that the pain is indicating that needs the proper attention.

So what are some of the underlying causes of headaches. Headaches can be caused from a brain disorder such as a tumor or seizure activity. Headaches also come from sinus and eye problems as well as allergies. Other headaches are caused from high blood pressure, ear problems, fevers and infections. More commonly we suffer from headaches which are caused by muscle tension or emotional stress of everyday living. Another common cause of headaches is the vertebrae and or nerves of the neck. It is the last cause which I want to spend time examining.

One of the causes of headaches for which Doctors of Chiropractic treat is that of misaligned spinal vertebrae. When spinal vertebrae misalign even slightly or their normal mobility altered, sensory and motor nerves can be irritated or even damaged causing a headache. This is known as a vertebral subluxation complex or biomechanical lesion which we shorten up to just calling a subluxation.

Doctor's of Chiropractic have found subluxations to be one of the most common causes of nerve irritation. Since nerve irritation is a factor in all pain, headache included, subluxations are one of the most common contributing factors.

The proper treatment for a headache depends of course on what the cause of the headache is. A headache from a sinus infection is treated by dealing with the infection. If your headache is coming from a spinal misalignment then chiropractic care is what you need.

Chiropractic is not a pain killing drug. It is neither a headache therapy nor a treatment for head pain. What chiropractic is is a treatment for the subluxation complex. Doctor's of Chiropractic are trained to examine the patient and to diagnosis what the problem is. If the Doctor of Chiropractic diagnosis subluxation related headache then chiropractic care is what you need, If another diagnosis is the cause for the headache you will be referred to the proper health care provider for treatment. Doctor's of Chiropractic are licensed health care providers highly trained to analyze and determine if a vertebral subluxation exists and then to reduce and correct the subluxation if possible and hopefully relieve the headache pain.

If you are not sure if your pain can be treated chiropractically, call and make an appointment with your local Doctor of Chiropractic and have an examination to see if chiropractic can help.

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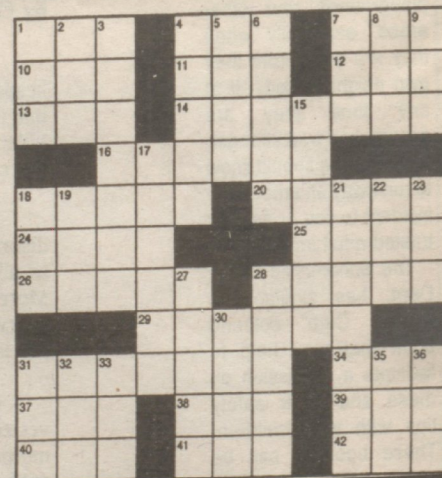
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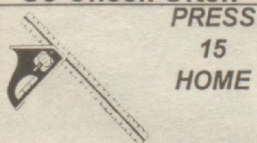
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